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### **GRAND JURY RETURNS FIREARM VIOLATION INDICTMENTS**

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- **Shawn P. Kinder**, 34, Johnstown, Colo., is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute approximately 103.78 grams of methamphetamine. He also is charged with two counts of unlawfully possessing a firearm after a felony conviction, and two counts of unlawfully possessing a firearm while he was a user of a controlled substance. The crimes are alleged to have occurred Oct. 28, 2005, in Rawlins County, Kan.

If convicted, he faces a penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in federal prison and a fine up to \$2 million on the charge of possession with intent to distribute meth; and a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on each of the other charges. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster is prosecuting.

**Deion J. Townes**, 23, is charged with seven counts of distributing cocaine and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes. The crimes are alleged to have occurred during July and August 2005 in Sedgwick County, Kan. According to the indictment, he distributed 7.42 grams of cocaine on July 22, 2005; 21.3 grams of cocaine on July 22, 2005; 11.99 grams of cocaine on Aug. 1, 2005; 15.08 grams of cocaine on Aug. 1, 2005, 48.65 grams of cocaine on Aug. 15, 2005; 26.19 grams of cocaine on Aug. 25, 2005, and 52.93 grams of cocaine on Aug. 30, 2005.

If convicted, he faces a penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life and a fine up to \$250,000 on each drug distribution charge; and a maximum penalty of life in prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the firearms charge. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster is prosecuting.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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